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THERE FOLLOWS BELOW THE COMPLETE TEXT OF FRG REP'S STATEMENT  
ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL, MADE DURING MARCH  
31 MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO  
PORTUGAL AND TURKEY. FRG ASKED THAT INFORMATION IN IT  
BE CLOSELY HELD. BEGIN TEXT:  
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO GRANT  
DEFENCE AID TO PORTUGAL.

IT WILL THEREFORE TRY TO HELP IN THE CREACTION OF THE  
PORTUGUESE NATO BRIGADE AND TO CONTRIBUTE 17 M-48 BATTLE  
TANKS AND 18 105-MM FILD HOWITZERS AS WELL AS OTHER  
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EQUIPMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE NECESSARY TRAINING.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL ENDEAVOUR TO PROVIDE FOR

BUDGETARY COVER AND TO OBTAIN THE APPROVAL OF THE RESPONSIBLE  
PARLIAMENTARY BODIES.

1. THE VALUE OF OUR DEFENCE AID FOR THE CREATION OF THE NATO  
BRIGADE WILL AMOUNT TO A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY 25 MILLION DM.  
IT WILL INCLUDE:

A) THE PRESENT VALUE OF THE BATTLE TANKS AND GUNS;  
B) THE PRESENT VALUE OF SURPLUS MATERIAL WHICH CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PORTUGAL (166 UNIMOG 1.5-T TRUCKS, 234 FAUN 10-T TRUCKS, 11 DB FAUN 5-T TRUCKS, 19 UNIMOG 1.5-T AMBULANCE TRUCKS, 203 1.5-T TRAILERS, 4 50-T TRANK TRANSPORTERS, 25 5-T BOX-TYPE TRUCKS (EMPTY), 13 7-T MAN DUMP TRUCKS, 1 6X6 20-T CRANE TRUCK, 25 5-T DB TRUCKS, 18 TRIPOD MACHINE GUNS).  
C) THE COST OF THE POSSIBLY NECESSARY CONVERSION OF THE M48 A2 BATTLE TANKS TO THE 105-MM GUN, US RADIO CABLING AND DIESELENGINES;  
D) THE TRANSPORT OF THE MATERIAL TO PORTUGAL;  
E) THE PERSONNEL COST OF THE TRAINING ON BATTLE TANKS AND GUNS FOR SIX MONTHS EACH:  
-TANKS: 1 LIEUTENANT-COLONEL, 2 CAPTAINS (INCLUDING 1 TECHNICAL OFFICER),  
10 SERGEANTS/STAFF SERGEANTS (INCLUDING 2 MILITARY DRIVING INSTRUCTORS),  
- ARTILLERY: 1 LIEUTENANT-COLONEL, 2 CAPTAINS, 3 1ST/2ND LIEUTENANTS, 9 SERGEANTS/STAFF SERGEANTS.  
THE PROVISION OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT BY PORTUGAL IS NOT PLANNED.

## 2. TIME SCHEDULE

A) THE DELIVERY OF THE GUNS CAN START RELATIVELY SOON AFTER BUNDESTAG APPROVAL OF THE DECISION OF THE FEDERAL SECURITY CONFIDENTIAL

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COUNCIL. THE GUNS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE APPROPRIATE TRAINING.

B) THE CONVERSION OF THE TANKS HAS NOT YET BEEN FINALLY DECIDED BUT IT IS EXPECTED THAT IT WILL BE UNDERTAKEN. IT CANNOT YET BE SAID WHEN THE DELIVERY OF THE TANKS TO PORTUGAL CAN START; THE RESPECTIVE FIRMS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO SUBMIT BIDS AS A MATTER OF URGENCY.

C) PORTUGUESE REPRESENTATIVES ARE TO BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO INSPECT AND EVALUATE THE MATERIAL MENTIONED IN PARA. 1.B) IN THE DEPOTS. THE DELIVERY OF SPARE PARTS IS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, REPAIRS WHICH MAY PROVE NECESSARY CANNOT BE CARRIED OUT. THE TRANSPORT OF THE VEHICLES TO PORTUGAL WILL PROBABLY BE FINANCED FROM GERMAN FUNDS. THE DATE AT WHICH DELIVERY CAN BEGIN DEPENDS ON THE PROVISION OF FUNDS FOR TRANSPORT AND THE OTHER COSTS INVOLVED.

3. BY TAKING THIS DECISION, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS EXPRESSED ITS FIRM POLITICAL WILL TO MAKE AVAILABLE MILITARY AID TO PORTUGAL TO THE EXTENT DESCRIBED. HOWEVER, THE DECISION STILL REQUIRES APPROVAL BY THE RESPONSIBLE LEGISLATIVE BODIES.  
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